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**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**June 22, 2010  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

**In Attendance:**

Abrishami, Lori  
Shavit, Avital

LACMTA  
Metro

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John  
Kuo, Ryan  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Nadler, Jonathan  
Sangkapichai, Mana  
Sherwood, Arnie

**Via Teleconference:**

Alvarez, Grace  
Brady, Mike  
Drummonds, Eyvonne  
Lay, Keith  
Louka, Tony  
Marquez, Jose  
O'Connor, Karina  
Sonnenberg, Stew  
Wade, Dennis  
Walecka, Carla  
Yoon, Andrew

Riverside County Transportation Commission  
Caltrans Headquarters  
SCAQMD  
LSA Associate  
Caltrans, District 8  
Caltrans, District 11  
U.S. EPA, Region 9  
FHWA  
ARB  
Transportation Corridor Agencies  
Caltrans, District 7

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 Approval Item**

**3.1.1 TCWG May 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms**

**1) SCAG015**

It was determined that this was not a POAQC.

**4.2 RTIP Update**

John Asuncion, SCAG, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Draft 2011 FTIP.

- \$30.6 billion in transportation improvements over six years in the SCAG region.
- Summary of 2011 FTIP by funding source, by program, and by county
- The Draft 2011 FTIP meets five transportation conformity tests
- List of 2011 FTIP major projects in the region
- Approval Timeline:
  - July 2010 – SCAG releases the draft FTIP for 30-day public review
  - September 2010 – SCAG Transportation Committee (TC) and Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) approve and Regional Council (RC) adopts the 2011 FTIP; the Adopted 2011 FTIP will be submitted to funding agencies
  - November 2010 – Caltrans approval and transmittal to FHWA and FTA
  - December 2010 – Federal approval of the 2011 FTIP

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Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft conformity analysis for 2011 FTIP included three sections:
  - Section I: Summary of conformity requirements and findings
  - Section II: Detailed results of the regional emission analysis
  - Section III: Draft TCM timely implementation report
- The draft conformity analysis demonstrates a positive conformity finding
- The draft conformity analysis to be presented to SCAG ECC as an information item on July 1, and then go through an extensive public review process. After the public review process, the final conformity analysis will be presented to ECC for recommendation to RC for adoption.

4.3 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff had started the RTP Amendment #4 process. The deadline for county to submit projects was June 25.
- This amendment will not include TIP projects due to the conflicting timing with the 2011 FTIP.
- The RTP Amendment #4 is expected to be sent to the federal agencies for approval by December.

4.4 SB 375 Update

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, reported the following:

- The ARB will release draft regional GHG emission reduction targets on June 24. The meeting will be webcast via ARB website.

4.5 ARB Update

Dennis Wade, ARB, reported the following:

- In its June 24 meeting, ARB board will take action on: Prop 1B - Grants for FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 Funds to Reduce Emissions from Goods Movement; Railroads MOU to Accelerate Further Diesel PM Emission Reductions at Four High Priority Railyards in the South Coast Air Basin; and Proposed Amendments to the Regulation to Reduce Emissions from Diesel Engines on Commercial Harbor Craft.

4.6 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- The Draft PM Quantitative Hot-Spot Analyses Guidance was posted for public review and comment. The public review period will conclude on July 19.

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- There are some specific questions in the “Request for Comments” section that EPA is seeking comments. Questions and comments could be sent directly to [PMhotspot-comments@epa.gov](mailto:PMhotspot-comments@epa.gov)
- There will be a two-year grace period after the document is finalized but EPA encourages areas to switch over to quantitative analysis as soon as possible.

4.7 Air Districts Update  
None.

4.8 Draft SR 60 HOV Lane Conversion TCM Substitution Report  
Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Caltrans Staff presented a request to convert the existing SR-60 HOV Lane in the City of Moreno Valley from full-time restricted-access operation to part-time continuous operation in the April TCWG meeting.
- SCAG staff had completed the required regional emission analysis and the proposed substitution meets all the federal and state requirements.
- The draft TCM substitution report will be released for 30-day public review. After the public review, the substitution request will be presented to EEC for approval. Upon EEC approval, the request will be brought to RC for adoption. SCAG adoption of the substitute TCM with concurrence from the EPA and ARB will fulfill all required approvals for the HOV lane conversion.

4.9 OCTA TCM Substitution Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- The OCTA TCM substitution report was presented to and approved by ECC on June 3. The report would be brought to SCAG RC for adoption on July 1 and then forwarded to ARB and EPA for concurrence.

4.9 Update on 2008 RTP/RTIP Conformity Re-determination for 2006 PM 2.5 NAAQS

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- The final conformity analysis was presented to and approved by EEC on June 3 and would be brought to RC for adoption on July 1. Upon RC approval, the RTP and RTIP Conformity Re-determination will be submitted to FHWA and FTA for final approval.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

- Upcoming Training on the PM Quantitative Hot-Spot Analyses Guidance:
  - California Teleconference: 10-12 pm on June 23

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- National Webinar: 10-12 pm on June 30

**6.0     ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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